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SUBJECT : U.S. TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES IN TAIWAN

1. AS THE NUMBER OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN TAIWAN DECREASES, THE NUMBER OF U.S. TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES WORKING ON MILITARY RELATED PROJECTS APPEARS TO BE REMAINING ABOUT THE SAME. THESE PEOPLE CAN BE DIVIDED ROUGHLY SPEAKING INTO THREE GROUPS: (1) U.S. GS-12, 13, 14 AND 15 U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WORKING AT PROJECT GALAXY AND THE CIVILIAN AVIATION ASSISTANCE GROUP AND OTHER PROJECTS (TEN PERSONS AS OF JUNE 26, 1978); (2) GS-7E, 12E, 13E AND 14E TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES WORKING FOR GENERAL DYNAMICS, TELEDYNE CONTINENTAL MOTORS AND PROJECT GALAXY (NINE PERSONS AS OF JUNE 26); (3) GS-11E, 12E, 13E AND 15E CONTRACTORS, WORKING FOR GENERAL ELECTRIC, NORTHROP AND HUGHES AIRCRAFT. SOME OF THESE USG OFFICIALS, TECH REPS AND CONTRACTORS ARE UNDER FMS CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE USG AND GROC; OTHERS ARE UNDER CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE GROC AND U.S. BUSINESSES.

2. SINCE THE LEGAL OFFICER AT MAAG WHO USED TO ASSIST THESE PEOPLE LEFT TAIWAN LAST YEAR AND HAS NOT BEEN REPLACED, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON HOW, FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT, THE CONTRACTS UNDER WHICH THE ABOVE PEOPLE ARE WORKING IN TAIWAN DIFFER.

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3. WE THINK IT IS TIME, IN ANTICIPATION OF NORMALIZATION, FOR THE LEGAL OFFICES AT BOTH DOD AND STATE TO STUDY HOW ALL NEW CONTRACTS AFFECTING THESE KINDS OF PEOPLE SHOULD BE ALTERED SO THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THESE CONTRACTS ARE STRICTLY BETWEEN THE GROC AND U.S. PRIVATE BUSINESSES. THERE ALSO MAY BE A NEED TO

ALTER THE CONTRACTS OF PERSONS ALREADY HERE IF EXISTING
CONTRACTS ARE FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR.

4. TO ASSIST THE LEGAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT
IN STUDYING THIS PROBLEM AND SUGGESTING POSSIBLE
SOLUTIONS WE ARE POUCHING TO THE DEPARTMENT, ATTN EA/ROC
FOR L, SAMPLES OF EXISTING TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES
CONTRACTS. UNGER

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